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For: METHODS FOR PROFILING AND MANUFACTURING TISSUE USING A DATABASE THAT INCLUDES INDICES REPRESENTATIVE OF A TISSUE POPULATION

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

PETITION FOR THREE MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME

Sir:

Applicant hereby petitions the Commissioner pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) to extend the time for response to the Office Action dated September 5, 2000 by three months. With the extension the response is due on or before March 5, 2001. A check in the amount of \$445.00 to cover the petition fee set forth in 37 CFR §1.17(a)(3) for a small entity is transmitted herewith.

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